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To: Idaho Law Enforcement Agencies
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Effective July 1, 2017 Idaho State Police Forensic Services (ISPFS) will no longer support the Intoximeters **Alco-Sensor III** instrument.

Effective December 31, 2018 ISPFS will no longer support the **Intoxilyzer 5000** and **Intoxilyzer 5000EN** instruments.

While these instruments will still be approved for evidential use in Idaho as long as they meet all quality requirements, "end of support" means that ISPFS will no longer provide officer instrument training, support, calibration, repair, or provide expert testimony related to these specific instruments. No new officers will be certified by ISPFS in Idaho on these instruments after the end of support date. The existing manuals will remain online, but will not be revised or updated.

ISPFS deployed the new Draeger 9510 instrument in 2016 as an eventual replacement for the Intoxilyzer instrument platform, and the Lifeloc FC20 is the replacement handheld instrument for the Alco-Sensor III. ISPFS has collaborated with Idaho Transportation Department to provide federal grant funded Draeger instruments to agencies with financial need. It is anticipated at least 18 instruments will be delivered to Idaho agencies as a result of this collaboration. The decision to end support on these three instruments is not related in any way to the reliability of the instruments. This decision was made due to the difficulty getting repair/replacement parts for the instruments, challenges getting the instruments repaired when they break, the inability to purchase new instruments, and the challenges for ISPFS to support four approved breath testing instrument platforms in Idaho.

Any agency with budgetary issues preventing the transition from these instruments should contact me directly to discuss potential resources. ISPFS continues to be committed to providing the best instrumentation and support possible for evidentiary breath alcohol testing in Idaho. We look forward to continuing to work with you through this transition to new instrumentation.

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